

Minutes of the Society of the Postdoctoral Program in Psychotherapy and
Psychoanalysis: Monday, January 27th, 2014

Present were Chris Bayer, Harriet Kaley, Judith Lobel, Helen Silverman, Ella Lasky, Sharon Brennan, Ronda Sternberg.

Absent are David Beyda, Maureen O'Reilly Landry, Phyllis Cohen, Juanita Shell.

It was agreed that the minutes of the board meetings would be sent out in abbreviated form to the entire Postdoc community, with the objective of maximizing the visibility of the board's activities.

There has been considerable interest in a mini-course dealing with personal finance (in particular, investments, [more?]). It was suggested that such a course discuss ways in which independent practitioners can successfully manage their long-term financial needs. Would the course be helpful to those members who have begun to consider various financial possibilities somewhat later in their careers?

The Harmonie Club has been reserved for the date of March 14th for the annual cocktail party; a deposit has been sent and received. The party will take place from 6-9 PM. There had been some discussion of moving the time back an hour, but this was ultimately rejected on financial grounds. The cost per person to the Graduate Society will be \$110.00. There was some discussion as to what the actual cost of tickets would be. The price was, in the end, fixed at \$35.00 for members and \$100 for non-members.

There was some concern that we were late in advertising the cocktail party. It was resolved that in future the board would finalize its plans earlier, thereby allowing for the event's greater visibility and high attendance.

We decided against hiring a DJ. Instead, the musical offering will be the same as it has been in years past.

There was considerable debate as to whether invitations would be sent using postcards as well as “e-vites”. A design for the electronic invitations was chosen. Subsequently it was decided that invitations would be sent out only as “e-vites”.

Kirsten Armstrong is working with Chris develop a new website. Chris reported that it is 80% complete.

Ella read an email from MaryJoan Gerson indicating that Lew and Postdoc would no longer be sponsoring 3 certificate programs after this year. It was **SUGGESTED THAT THE Society MAY BE APPROACHED TO SPONSOR** these fully autonomous programs (which would nevertheless operate under the auspices of the Society) have been proposed. As envisioned

These programs would run for 30 two-hour classes, covering theoretical and clinical issues, and upon completion would confer a certificate. The list is as follows: (1) couples therapy with Mary-Jone Gerson, (2) contemplative studies with Sarah Webber, and (3) trauma specialization with Nina Thomas. However, many present felt that questions of liability and practicability might prevent the Society from fully supporting the proposed programs.

TO BE DISCUSSED FURTHER.

There was agreement that participation in the Society and service on the Board should be encouraged. Rhonda and Harriette, as representatives to the Senate, are in a position to raise awareness of the importance of membership in the Society and service on the Board.

IT WA PROPOSED that a breakfast with speaker (yet to be determined) will be held in recognition of upcoming graduates.